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Thanks for buying a BISSELL Vacuum

We're glad you purchased a BISSELL vacuum. Everything we know about floor care went into the design and construction of this complete, high-tech home cleaning system.

Your BISSELL vacuum is well made, and we back it with a limited three year warranty. We also stand behind it with a knowledgeable, dedicated Consumer Services department, so, should you ever have a problem, you'll receive fast, considerate assistance.

My great-grandfather invented the floor sweeper in 1876. Today, BISSELL is a global leader in the design, manufacture, and service of high quality homecare products like your BISSELL upright vacuum.

Thanks again, from all of us at BISSELL.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should be observed, including the following:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING YOUR UPRIGHT VACUUM.

Always connect to a polarized outlet (left slot is wider than right). Unplug from outlet when not in use and before conducting maintenance.

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

- Do not modify the polarized plug to fit a non-polarized outlet or extension cord.
- Do not leave vacuum cleaner unattended when it is plugged in.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Unplug before attaching the TurboBrush.
- Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow children to operate vacuum cleaner or use as a toy.
- Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Do not use for any purpose other than described in this user's guide.
- Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug.
- If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, have it repaired at an authorized service center.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle vacuum cleaner or plug with wet hands.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep openings free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.

- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- Turn off all controls before plugging or unplugging vacuum cleaner.
- Use extra care when cleaning stairs.
- Do not pick up flammable materials (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene, etc.) or use in the presence of explosive liquids or vapors.
- Do not pick up toxic material (chlorine bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner, etc.).
- Do not use vacuum cleaner in an enclosed space filled with vapors given off by oil base paint, paint thinner, some moth proofing substances, flammable dust, or other explosive or toxic vapors.
- Do not pick up hard or sharp objects such as glass, nails, screws, coins, etc.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use without filters in place.
- Use only on dry, indoor surfaces.
- Keep appliance on a level surface.
- Do not carry the vacuum cleaner while it is running.
- Hold plug when rewinding onto cord reel. Do not allow plug to whip when rewinding.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

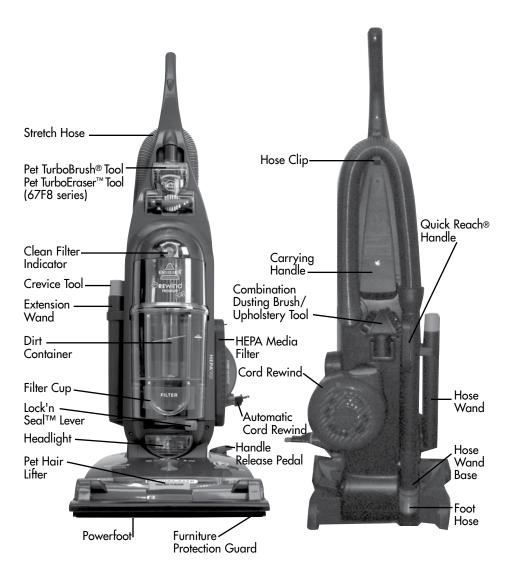
THIS APPLIANCE HAS A POLARIZED PLUG.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install a proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

This model is for household use only.



Product view



A CAUTION

Do not plug in your vacuum cleaner until you are familiar with all instructions and operating procedures.

⚠ WARNING:

Plastic film can be dangerous. To avoid danger of suffocation, keep away from babies and children.







You need: Phillips head screwdriver. Attach handle to vacuum

- Locate the vacuum handle and remove the screw packet (1 screw) taped to the base of the handle.
- 2. Stand the vacuum upright and slide the base of the handle firmly into the grooves at the top of the vacuum body.
- IMPORTANT Continue to push firmly until the handle is flush with the front of the vacuum body.
- **4.** Insert the screw provided and tighten securely.

Attach vacuum hose and tools

- Attach the Twist 'n Snap™ hose by lining up the tabs on the base with the corresponding notches on the back of the vacuum. Turn the Twist 'n Snap hose to the right to lock the hose into place.
- Grasping the Quick Reach® handle, slide the end of the hose wand onto the hose wand base. Snap the hose into the hose clip.

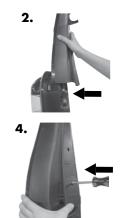
NOTE: The Powerfoot will not suction properly unless the hose wand is firmly attached.

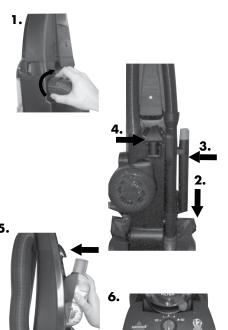
- **3.** Slide the extension wand and the crevice tool together into the storage holder.
- Snap the combination tool into the storage clip.
- 5. Attach the Pet TurboBrush by aligning the small holes near the brush roll with the tabs at the bottom of TurboBrush housing. Snap TurboBrush into place.

NOTE: 67F8 series includes Pet TurboEraser™ Tool.

6. Flip the Pet Hair Lifter down until it clicks into place on the front of the foot.

NOTE: Flip the Pet Hair Lifter down for carpeted surfaces and up for non-carpeted surfaces.





Automatic power cord rewind

- Gently pull out power cord and stop when yellow line is visible. Do not pull power cord beyond the red line. Plug cord into electrical outlet.
- To return cord, with vacuum power button OFF, remove plug from outlet. Hold plug and press automatic cord button to wind cord into reel. Do not allow plug to whip when rewinding.

Power switch

The power switch is located just below the hand on the side of the vacuum.

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Handle position

Press the handle release pedal with your foot to place vacuum into one of three cleaning positions.

- 1. **Upright:** For storage, transporting, and above floor cleaning with tools.
 - Transporting in upright position by tilting vacuum on rear wheels and push forward or use carrying handle on back of handle base.
- Normal cleaning: Press handle release pedal once for most household floor cleaning.
- Low cleaning: From normal cleaning position, press handle release pedal once for cleaning under low furniture.





Be careful to avoid injury as cord retracts very quickly.



⚠ CAUTION:

Before using your vacuum, make sure that the dirt container is in locked position and that all filters (inner circular, outer circular, pre-motor and post-motor) are in place. Do not operate your vacuum without these filters.



Height adjustment

Turn dial on powerfoot to adjust to one of five height adjustments. If dial is difficult to turn, tilt the cleaner back slightly to take the weight off the foot while turning.

Lowest setting - For low pile carpet or bare floors.

Medium setting – For medium pile carpet. **Highest setting** – For high pile and most shag carpet. Adjust to high setting if difficult to push.



Tip:

Before cleaning under low furniture, check area first for objects that might harm the unit or block the vacuum hose.

Clean filter indicator

The indicator tells you when air flow in the vacuum is reduced due to dirty filters or a clog in the hose. The indicator will remain green until the air flow is reduced – and then will change to red. When fully red, the air flow is greatly reduced or clogged by a dirty filter; follow instructions on page 11 to clean/replace your filters.

Pet hair lifter

Use to pick up pet hair from carpeted surfaces. Vacuum like you normally would, as you pull the vacuum back pet hair collects on the lifter and releases it into the vacuum path as you push forward.

NOTE: Turn vacuum off before you flip Pet Hair Lifter up or down.

- To vacuum carpeting, flip down until it clicks into place.
- To vacuum non-carpet surfaces, push the yellow release button located in the center just above the feature.



Clean Filter Indicator





Tools

Attach desired tool to hose for above floor cleaning or hard to reach areas.

- 1. Raise handle to upright position.
- Grasp the Quick Reach handle and lift hose wand to separate from suction intake opening.
- 3. Attach tools by firmly pushing onto vacuum hose or extension wand.

Crevice tool

Use in tight narrow spaces.

Combination dusting brush/upholstery tool

Two types of cleaning tools are included in one attachment. Rotate for desired tool. Use brush side to dust furniture, blinds, books, lamps, shelves and baseboards. Use the upholstery tool on cushions, draperies and fabrics.

Extension wand

Use with desired attachment for a longer reach.

Pet Contour Tool® (select models only)

Use to reach into corners and edges on stairs as well as armrests and other curved surfaces. The tool can be flipped to use in any direction.

Pet TurboBrush® Tool

67F8 series includes Pet TurboEraser™ Tool. Use rotating brush action for small flat areas such as cushions and beds.

NOTE: Press gently down and pull towards you in a raking motion. Too much pressure will cause the brush to stop rotating.

Tip:

Hair, string and small objects can block the vacuum hose or tools. Check them regularly for obstructions.









NOTICE:

These tools are designed to remove pet hair from upholstered or carpeted surfaces. They should not be used on pets.



CAUTION:

The rotating floor brush continues to rotate while tools are in use. To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts, always move the cleaner with the carrying handle at the back of the cleaner. Always place vacuum cleaner on floor with handle in upright position when using tools. Never place your fingers under the cleaner when it is running. Never place powerfoot on furniture or uneven surfaces. Do not place vacuum cleaner close enough to objects to pull them into rotating brush.



To maximize performance and extend life of your vacuum it is very important to perform the following maintenance steps:

Empty Dirt Container

Empty when dirt reaches the "Full" line on the container.

- 1. Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- 2. Slide the Lock 'n Seal lever to the "Unlock" position.
- Grasp dirt cup handle and pull straight out to remove from vacuum and empty.
- **4.** Place dirt container back in the vacuum and slide the lever to the "Lock" position.

Note: The dirt container may be washed in warm water with a mild detergent. Make sure it is completely dry before replacing.



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Tip:

For maximum cleaning performance, check and clean or replace all filters as suggested.

∆WARNING:

To reduce the risk of electric shock, turn power switch OFF and disconnect polarized plug from electrical outlet before performing maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

Cleaning the inner & outer circular filters

- Turn power off. Unplug the cleaner from electrical outlet.
- Remove the dirt container as described in the previous section. Grasp the filter cup located at the bottom of the dirt container, lift up and out. DO NOT TRY TO PULL CIRCULAR FOAM FILTER OUT OF THE FILTER CUP WHILE IT IS STILL IN THE VACUUM.
- **3.** Grasp the plastic tab on the top of the circular foam filters. Twist to unlock and pull out.
- 4. Separate the outer foam and inner pleated circular filters. Wash each individually by hand in warm water. Mild detergent may be used if desired. Rinse well, then air dry thoroughly before putting them back together and replacing in filter cup.
- The filter cup may be washed in warm water with a mild detergent. Make sure it is completely dry before reassembling with filters.
 DO NOT PUT IN DISHWASHER.
- 6. The upper tank and louvers may also be wiped clean with a damp cloth. Reach underneath the upper tank and turn the rim of the louvers to left to unlock. Pull straight down to remove. Make sure all parts are completely dry before replacing.
- 7. To replace louvers lift back into upper tank. Place top of louvers inside clear center cavity and turn toward the right to unlock until tabs fit into notch. Continue to turn to right until tight.

Cleaning the pre-motor filter The pre-motor protects the motor from debris.

- 1. Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- The pre-motor filter is located underneath the filter cup in the center of the round part of the Lock 'n Seal lever.
- Remove the small round filter and any debris on top of it. Rinse well under warm water, air dry completely before replacing.



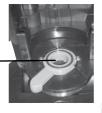






Do not operate cleaner with damp or wet filters or without all filters in place.







Replacing the post-motor filter

The post-motor assists in the filtration process to return clean air to the room.

- 1. Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- Locate filter behind the door on the side of the vacuum. Remove and replace when filter becomes dirty. The white, pleated HEPA media filter is not washable.

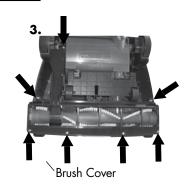


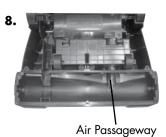


Checking rotating floor brush and drive belt

Check your vacuum's rotating floor brush and drive belt regularly for wear or damage.

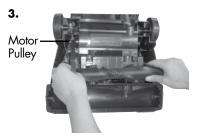
- 1. Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- 2. Place handle in low position and turn vacuum cleaner over so bottom side is up.
- Remove the seven screws with a Phillips head screwdriver. Lift the brush cover off.
- **4.** Grasp rotating floor brush at both ends and lift
- Clean strings, hair and other debris from rotating floor brush, paying particular attention to brush ends.
- **6.** Clean strings, hair and other debris from motor pulley and drive belt areas.
- Check drive belt carefully for wear, cuts or stressed areas.
- **8.** Check air passageway for obstructions. Remove debris from this area.

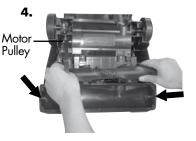




Replace drive belt

- 1. Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- With rotating floor brush removed from vacuum cleaner (steps 1-4 of Check rotating floor brush and drive belt), grasp old drive belt and remove from motor pulley. Discard old drive belt.
- Place new drive belt over motor pulley and stretch other end over rotating floor brush in the space between the bristles.
- **4.** Place ends of rotating floor brush down into slots on sides as shown.
- Turn rotating floor brush by hand several times in the direction of motor pulley. If properly installed, drive belt will center itself on rotating brush.
- **6.** Reposition brush cover and screw back into place.







Pet TurboBrush® Tool Maintenance

NOTE: 67F8 models include the Pet TurboEraser™ Tool that follows the same maintenance steps as the Pet TurboBrush® Tool.

- **1.** Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- 2. Turn tool so bottom side faces up and remove the two screws.
- Remove the faceplate and clear any obstructions.
- **4.** Remove the brush from the drive belt to clean debris.
- Reposition the drive belt on the brush, and place ends of brush in slots on the side. Reposition faceplate and secure with two screws.

NOTE: This tool is designed to remove pet hair from upholstered or carpeted surfaces. It should not be used on pets.



Clearing clogs

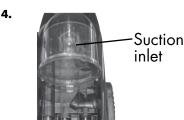
Low suction or poor pickup may be due to a clog in the vacuum cleaner. If you notice a change in the sound of the motor, check for clogs.

- Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- 2. Empty dirt container.
- 3. Check upper tank for build up or clogs.
- 4. Check the suction inlet for a clog.
- 5. Grasp the Quick Reach handle and lift hose wand to separate from the suction opening. Check for a clog in the base, the wand or the hose.
- **6.** Remove the screw attaching the hose wand base to the vacuum. Straighten the hose wand base and unclog with long, narrow object such as a broom stick.
- 7. If the clog persists, follow the instructions for checking the rotating floor brush on page 12 and inspect the air passageway for obstructions

Replace Headlight

- 1. Turn power OFF. Unplug vacuum cord from electrical outlet.
- Using a flat screwdriver, table knife or coin, insert into the slot on the right of the lens and gently push inner latch to the left as shown to remove the lens.
- Reposition lens by inserting the tab on left side and then pushing the right side back into place.













Troubleshooting

Vacuum cleaner won't turn on Possible causes

- 1. Power cord not plugged in
- Blown fuse/tripped breaker
- 3. Damaged cord

Vacuum cleaner won't pick up dirt Possible causes

- Incorrect height adjustment
- 2. Hose not attached to suction opening
- 3. Crack or hole in hose
- 4. Broken or worn drive belt
- 5. Rotating floor brush bristles worn
- 6. Rotating floor brush jammed
- 7. Cloa in vacuum
- 8. Dirt container full
- 9. Dirt container or upper tank not installed properly
- 10. Pet TurboBrush® is clogged or debris is wrapped
- 10. Filters are dirty

Tool won't pick up dirt Possible causes

- 1. Crack or hole in hose
- 2. Clog in vacuum
- Dirt container full
- 4. Dirt container or upper tank not installed properly
- 5. Filters are dirty

Visible dirt escaping from cleaner Possible causes

- Dirt container full
- 2. Filters missing or installed incorrectly

Cord will not retract Possible causes

Knotted or twisted

Remedies

- 1. Check electrical plug
- Check/replace fuse or reset breaker
- Refer to a BISSELL authorize service center for repair or replacement

Remedies

- 1. Adjust powerfoot to correct height setting
- Grasp quick reach handle and firmly push hose wand onto the suction openina
- 3. Check hose and replace if needed
- 4. Replace drive belt, see page 13
- 5. Replace brush
- 6. Remove brush and dean debris from brush ends
- 7. Follow instructions on page 15 for dearing dogs
- 8. Empty dirt container
- 9. Position correctly and lock in place
- 10. Maintaining Pet TurboBrush see pg 14
- Check and clean pre-motor and HEPA media post-motor filters, see pages 11 & 12

Remedies

- 1. Check hose and replace if needed
- 2. Follow instructions on page 15 for clearing clogs
- 3. Empty dirt container
- 4. Position correctly and lock in place
- Check and clean pre-motor and post-motor filters see pages 11 & 12

Remedies

- 1. Empty dirt container
- Check pre-motor and post-motor filters for correct installation see pages 11 & 12

Remedies

1. Follow instructions on page 6



Troubleshooting

Other maintenance or service not included in the manual should be performed by an authorized service representative.

Thank you for selecting a BISSELL product.

Please do not return this product to the store.

For any questions or concerns, BISSELL is happy to be of service. Contact us directly at 1-800-237-7691.

Replacement parts - BISSELL vacuum

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|--------|------------------|----|--|-------|---|---|
| 1 | 32074 | | Style 9 Drive Belt (2-Pack) | | | |
| 2 | 203-129 <i>7</i> | | Standard Headlight Bulb | | | |
| 3 | 203-2468 | | Hose Assembly | | | |
| | 203-2449 | | Brush Dowel (15") | | | |
| 4 5 | 32R9 | | Style 16 Inner and Outer Circular Pre-Motor Filter Set | | | |
| 6 | 73K1 | | Style 16 Inner Circular Pre-Motor Filter | | | |
| 7 | 69B1 | | Style 16 Outer Circular Pre-Motor Filter | | | |
| , | | | | | | |
| 8 9 | 32076 | | Style 7/9/16 Post-Motor HEPA Media Filter | | | |
| | 203-1215 | | Style 7/9/16 Pre-Motor Filter | | | |
| 10 | 203-7 | 30 | Pet Hair L | ifter | | |
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Accessories - BISSELL vacuum

These items are available for purchase as accessories for your BISSELL vacuum: To purchase call 1-800-237-7691 or visit www.bissell.com.

| ltem | Part No. | Part Name |
|------|----------|--|
| 1 | 203-2447 | Pet TurboBrush® Tool (44M3 series only) |
| 2 | 203-1063 | Crevice Tool |
| 3 | 203-1099 | Combination Dusting/Upholstery Brush |
| 4 | 203-1084 | Extension Wand |
| 5 | 203-1368 | Pet Contour Tool® (44M3 series only) |
| 6 | 203-7529 | Pet TurboEraser™ Tool (67F8 series only) |









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Warranty - BISSELL Vacuum

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Website or E-mail:

www.bissell.com
Use the "Customer Support" tab.

Or Call:

BISSELL Consumer Services 1-800-237-7691 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. ET Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET

Or Write:

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PO Box 3606

Grand Rapids, MI 49501

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When contacting BISSELL, have model number of cleaner available.

Please record your Model Number: ______Please record your Purchase Date:

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